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Windows Live Essentials 2011 Overview

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What Is Live Essentials 2011?

- **Free Suite of Useful Programs**
 - **Major update of the original version released in 2009**
- **Download and Install From Microsoft Website**
 - <http://explore.live.com/windows-live-essentials?os=other>
- **Compatible with Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7**
- **Programs run on *your* PC, not on the web.**
- **Includes Windows Live Messenger, Photo Gallery, Movie Maker, Mail, Writer, Family Safety, Windows Live Mesh, Bing Bar, Messenger Companion, Microsoft Silverlight, and Outlook Connector Pack (Microsoft Outlook Hotmail Connector and Social Connector Provider for Windows Live Messenger). You can install just a few of these programs or all of Windows Live Essentials.**

Downloading and Installing

- **Search for “Windows Live Essentials 2011”.**
 - <http://explore.live.com/windows-live-essentials?os=other>
- **Click the Download button to download the setup program and then run it.**
- **Choose which programs to install or update.**
- **Allow the individual setups to run.**
- **Start each program and configure as needed.**

Windows Live Mail Demo

- **Start > All Programs**
- **Click on Windows Live Mail; it will start up**
- **If first time, click Add a New Account link**
 - **Follow the step by step to configure the e-mail account parameters and then save them.**
- **Click the Sync menu to retrieve your e-mails.**
- **You can view and manage e-mails.**
- **You can create folders for filing e-mails.**
- **You can create or reply to e-mails.**
- **Similar to Outlook Express & Windows Mail.**

Windows Live Photo Gallery Demo

- **Start > All Programs**
- **Click on Windows Live Photo Gallery**
- **The first time up, it will scan your Pictures folder to find photo files and import them into its “gallery” database.**
- **When you view an image, it offers a menu of handy actions, including “Fix”, “Publish”, “E-mail”, “Print”, “Make”, “Slide show” and “Extras”.**
- **“Fix” function has some nice features for balancing light and dark areas.**

Windows Live Messenger

- **Capable Instant Messaging Program**
- **Similar to:**
 - **Microsoft Messenger**
 - **MSN Messenger**
 - **Windows Messenger**
- **Tends to always be running.**
- **You don't need more than one (if any).**

Windows Live Mesh

- Use to keep various computers files in synch
- Also keep Office settings and IE Favorites in synch
- Interface to MS SkyDrive for working with web copies of key files between different PCs / Users
 - 5 GB of free SkyDrive web storage
- Provides Remote Connection services
 - Similar to using Remote Desktop
 - Access your PC from anywhere to run programs, browse files.

BIO BREAK

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Windows Live Movie Maker

- **Windows Vista and Windows 7 Only**
- **Create movies from video clips and photos**
- **Add background sound & commentary**
- **Publish your finished movies to the web**
- **All-new version supposedly much better.**

Windows Live Writer

- **Very nice, easy editor for publishing to Blogs**
- **Compatible with most popular Blogging services**
- **Easy, cheap way to have a simple personal website**
- **Can create a free blog on Windows Live servers**
- **Supports photos, videos, text, links to other services**

Windows Live Family Safety

- **Allows you to monitor and control where on the Internet your kids or grandkids (or spouse) surf or search.**
- **Includes activity reports**
- **Includes content filtering**
- **Includes contact management (e-mail and instant messaging)**
- **Allows remote control and monitoring**

Bing Bar for IE (6 or later)

- Brings many features together in a single toolbar in IE.
 - These are links to web services hosted on Microsoft or MSN.
- Includes Bing Search
- Includes News Feeds
- Includes an auto-fill tool
 - Remembers user names and passwords
- Includes access to Hotmail e-mail - Preview your Hotmail inbox
- Includes sharing of Favorites with other people on Windows Live network.

Outlook Connector Pack

- **Outlook Hotmail Connector**
 - Manage your Hotmail email, calendar, and contacts from within Outlook 2010, Outlook 2007, or Outlook 2003, free of charge
- **Outlook Social Connector**
 - Stay in touch with your Messenger friends more easily in Outlook—both email and social updates from each friend appear in a single, centralized view.

Questions And Answers

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